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Rape & Child Molestation Arrest

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In August 2012 Santa Barbara Police Department Crimes Against Persons Detectives Mark Vierra and Charlie Katsapis received information and subsequently established that a 14-year old girl had been forcibly raped while attending a party at an Eastside residence in mid-July. Based on the physical description of the suspect, and specifically the descriptions of his tattoos, the detectives recognized the suspect to be Roger Navarro Pulido, age 36, of Santa Barbara.

On August 28, 2012 Detective Katsapis obtained a \$100,000.00 arrest warrant for Pulido for the felonies of rape by force or fear and lewd acts upon a child 14 or 15 years of age by a person at least 10 years older. Later, at 2:28 p.m., Eastside Beat Coordinator Officer Adrian Gutierrez observed Pulido riding a bicycle on 100 S. Voluntario Street, followed him, and ultimately arrested him on the first block of N. Milpas Street with the assistance of Restorative Policing Team Officers Keld Hove and Craig Burleigh, who were in the area.

Pulido was transported to the Santa Barbara Police Department where he was interviewed by Detective Katsapis. Pulido admitted to having sex with the victim, however claimed that it was consensual. Pulido was booked at Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges.

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